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Applicant: Mathur et al. Art Unit: 1652  
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001 in the above-identified application, entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

## In the Claims

Please enter the following rewritten claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide encoding a thermostable phosphatase comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:28;
- (b) a polynucleotide which is complementary to the polynucleotide of (a); and
- (c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 contiguous bases of the polynucleotide of (a); wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide having activity as a thermostable phosphatase.